1. Have a family sing-along. Ask family members to share their favorite songs.
2. Time your child counting to 100. Then challenge your child to count down from 100 and match the time.
4. Which way is the wind blowing? Let your child hang a piece of yarn on a tree branch to find out.
5. Talk to your child about how name-calling hurts everyone.
6. Get into a school sleep routine. Have your child go to bed earlier and get up earlier in the morning.
7. Talk with your child about the similarities in animal families. What do cats have in common?
8. Challenge family members to use the hand they don’t favor to write, eat or do other activities.
9. Help your child start a family newsletter.
10. Look for a free concert, play or other cultural event you can attend with your family.
11. Ask what your child has enjoyed most so far this summer. Why?
13. Make sure you and your child know where and when the school bus will stop.
14. At dinner tonight, ask everyone how they used math today.
15. Set aside time to make a summer scrapbook with your child.
16. Have your child estimate how many peanut butter sandwiches you can make from one jar of peanut butter, then use a chart to keep track.
17. Have everyone name a food that tastes like summer. Serve those foods.
18. Teach a card game to your child. Play it with the whole family tonight.
19. Hide five pennies in plain sight in the living room. Can your child find them? Then let your child hide them for you to find.
20. Write upcoming school events on your family calendar as you learn about them. Make plans to attend as many as you can.
21. Look for an interesting picture. Have your elementary schooler tell you a story about it.
22. Have your child replace adjectives in a printed ad with their opposites.
23. Play a guessing game with your child today, such as I Spy.
24. Help your child find out where your family’s water comes from. Talk about ways to conserve water.
25. At dinner, have each family member say something nice about every person at the table.
26. Let your child see you read to learn something new. Say, “How interesting. I’m going to remember that!”
27. Help your child collect outgrown, gently-used clothes and books to pass on to another family.
28. Start a positive school habit. Help your child lay out clothes for the next day the night before.
29. Mix up pairs of socks and let your child match them up.
30. Together, write poems using the letters in your names to begin the lines.
31. Discuss ways your child can make new students at school feel welcome.